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THE LAKEHEAD AMATEUR RADIO CLUB JOURNAL

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LARC OPEN ACCESS REPEATERS

VE3YQT	MOUNT BALDY	147.060 (-600) FP
VE3TBR	ST. JOSEPH'S	146.820 (-600) FP
		442.075 (+5 MHz)
VE3BGA	HILLCREST H.S.	145.450 (-600)
		(IRLP NODE VA3LU 123.0 Hz)

The Prez Sez.....

Well slowly but surely we are edging toward spring here in North West Ontario. And yes contrary to all conventional wisdom its not antenna season, because we all know antennas work better if they were put up in a blizzard with frozen fingers and cold (literally) solder joints. But for those of us who are wimps and prefer to go about antenna work in warmer weather it's getting close.

At the meeting this Thursday, 7:30 PM April 8 in Room 191, at Confederation College we will have a guest speaker talking about tower and ladder safety. We have put a lot of effort into getting you to be a Ham and we want you to be safe. Make sure you attend this informative meeting. It could literally mean your life!

Also while we are not actively celebrating it this month, 70 years ago this month the first meeting of the Lakehead Wireless Experimenters Association had its first meeting, this was the precursor to our club, the LARC. So, I encourage you to attend this meeting and ensure that the LARC will be here for another 70 years.

There is one another group that deserves our support to ensure that it is here for a long time as well, the Radio Amateurs of Canada. You are a member aren't you? If not why not consider sending a cheque to the RAC and become a member. There are many benefits to membership. One I use often is the outgoing QSL bureau. You also receive the bi-monthly magazine which contains a lot of good and interesting reading. Subscribe!

And last but not last we will be starting to think about Field Day. At one time this was the premier event of the LARC. I think we should make a concerted effort to put in a good showing at this event. If we get a decent score, that's bonus points. But I personally think it's a time to get together have some fun, exchange ideas about operating from somewhere other than the home QTH and just plain having some fun. If you would like to participate in this year's field day show up and have some input at the meeting.

73 Bill VE3XT

Minutes of a meetingof the Lakehead Amateur Radio ClubSenator Bill Klemacki VE3AJ - Secretary

March 11, 2004

Held in Room 190, Confederation College

The meeting called to order by the President. Bill Unger, VE3XT

Following the Presidential greeting, the first order of the evening was a presentation by Rob Van Wyck, VE3FLB, on the TIC mini- electronic keyer, US \$ 10. Small enough to swallow, this CW device has many features that are important to today's radio operator, such as message storage. Coming soon to Rob's repertoire is a mini-antenna tuner, the BLT.

Rob also reminded all present about the Inspector Morse contest. Tune in to channel- 8, TVO on Monday and Friday evenings. The winning entry gets a TIC Keyer courtesy of VE3XT, at the April meeting.

Next up, going down memory lane, Bill Klemacki, VE3AJ, showed off his 40- year-old Heathkit Mohican, the GC-1A, general coverage receiver. The first all solid state short-wave receiver, it has 750 individual pieces that were assembled and tuned to get a receiver capable of AM and CW operation, with a poor man's SSB capability. All steel cabinet, with built-in AC supply and a battery pack, it made for a sturdy portable radio. Still in good working order.

A digital presentation of the Sibley Ski Tour was shown on the big screen. Twenty-one operators and 997 skiers took part on March 06.

Mike Nawrocki, VE3ZG gave a rundown on the Ski-Tour.

The 50/50 draw -was won by Bob Barker, VE3MAJ

The minutes of the January meeting were accepted as published on a motion by Bob Gillespie, VE3BHN, seconded by Wayne Letang, VA3WRL. Carried.

The financial statement- as presented by Ed Baumann, VE3SNW, was accepted on a motion by Rob Van Wyck, VE3FLB, seconded by Bob Gillespie, VE3BHN.

As there have been a few problems with the Hi-Q mailing list, a sheet was available for anyone to sign that was not receiving theirs.

Kudos went out to Bob Hansen, VE3RVA for the excellent job on organizing the February Dinner Social.

New Business:

Field Day - In order to make Field Day in June a success, it would be nice to get more participation in setting up, operating, and staying for the social aspect of the weekend. Out of our total membership, only a handful are willing to make it a weekend, unlike past Field Days where it was the event of the year. For the next few months, it was hoped that ideas would be forth coming on making FD a success.

70- years - As 2004 is the 70th anniversary of the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club, it is hoped that volunteers would take up the challenge and collect archival information that could be presented in Hi-Q.

Mark Vaillant, VA3MVR suggested that Anniversary Pins be made up and made available. He will check into this for the next meeting.

On a motion by Terry Stewardson, VA3LU, seconded by Leo Wehrstedt, VE3ATC, that we buy 100 pins with the 70th anniversary embedded on the logo. The selling cost to be based on our cost. Carried.

A request has been received from the Northern Cancer In-line skate, for our participation on August 08 at Amethyst Harbour. Volunteers were needed. Bob Hansen, VE3RVA to head it up.

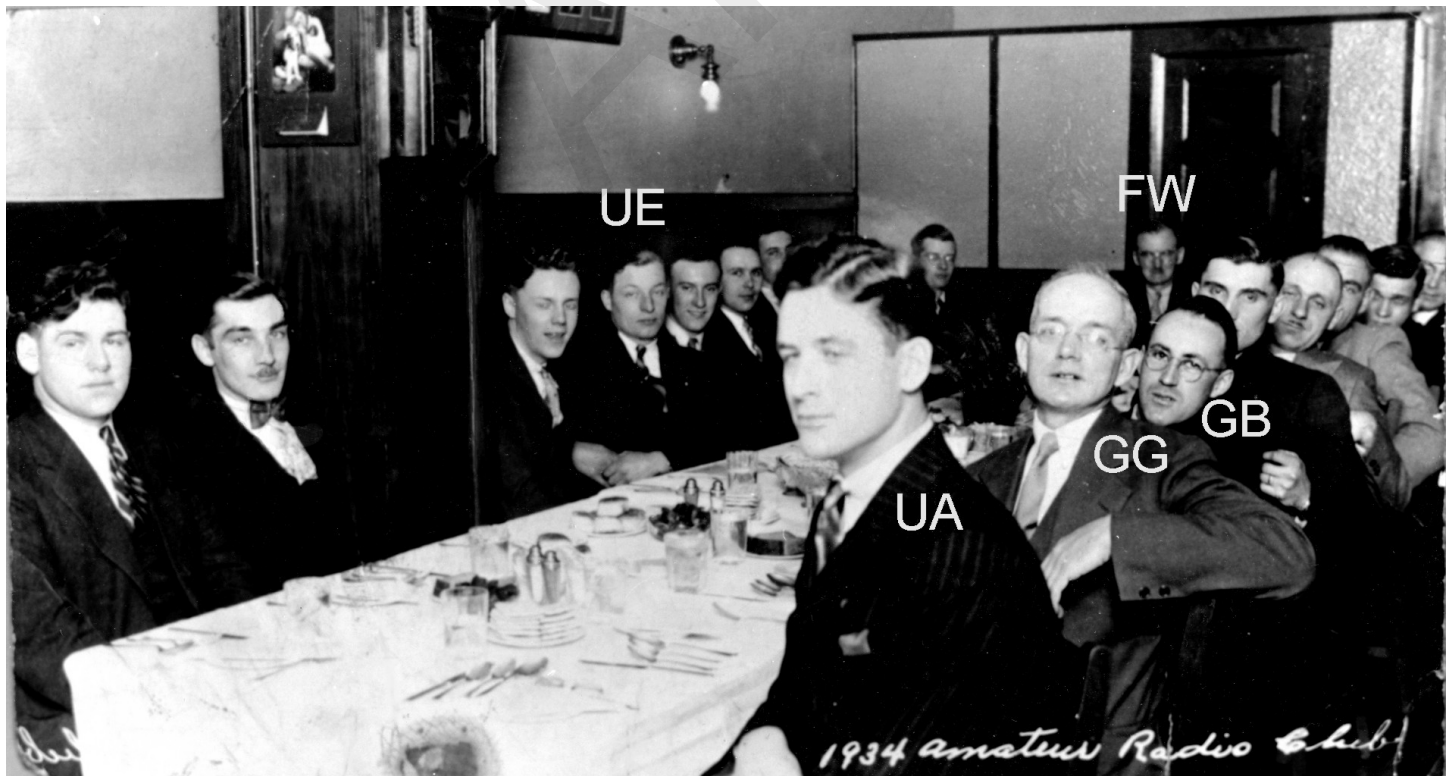
Terry Stewardson, VA3LU has VHS video tapes from CQ magazine on Ham Radio and would be putting them on DVD for future presentations or individual viewing.

Mark Vaillant, VA3MVR, in his quest for Club facilities mentioned that the City Police had vacated their neighbourhood policing office at the Volunteer Pool on Martha Street and it might be available for Club purposes. He will investigate further.

Mark also mentioned that money was in place for equipping the Mobile Communications Center and he is open to suggestions on what we should be buying.

Equipment: Terry, VA3LU mentioned that the 900- mhz link to VE3YQT is still out, and had stability problems. Further work will be done to isolate the problem. The battery on Mount Baldy has been replaced, and the link aligned at that end.

Picture From First Meeting of Lakehead Amateur Radio Club-Circa April 17, 1934



CANADIAN LAKEHEAD WIRELESS EXPERIMENTERS

Minutes of Re-organization meeting held in the Y. M. C. A., Fort William, Ont., April 17th, 1934, 7:30 p. m.

On Tuesday, April 17th, a meeting of the Radio amateurs of the District was called by J. Sky, Brien O'Brien and Dr. Quackenbush to be held in the Y. M. C. A. Fort William, to be held as a dinner meeting in order to organize as a body.

At the conclusion of the dinner, P. J. O'Shea was made chairman and called the meeting to order.

He called on the various ones present at the meeting to give their views on the formation of an organized club, and everyone was unanimously of the opinion that one should be formed at once.

It was moved by Brien O'Brien and seconded by Mr. C. C. Macdonald that a committee be appointed to find a suitable name and the motion carried, with the following being appointed to serve on the committee: J. Sky, chairman, Brien O'Brien, J. Fieldhouse, C. C. Macdonald and C. Partington.

The following were elected as officers for the club: President P. J. O'Shea, Secretary-treasurer, Bruce Grant.

It was decided that the executive should consist of those forming the committee to find a name for the club and the officers.

It was moved by Mr. Macdonald and seconded by J. Fieldhouse that only those holding amateur experimental certificates be eligible for membership in the Club. This was carried.

Moved by Mr. Macdonald and seconded by Brian O'Brien that a yearly donation of 50¢ be made by each fellow and any dinners be paid for by each one attending. This was also carried.

Everybody was in favour of a suggestion made by Dr. Quackenbush that a relay net be formed to handle messages for conventions being held here this year.

One of the features of the evening was the reading of two telegrams of greeting, one from the Manitoba Wireless Experimental Association of Winnipeg and the other from the Riverdale Radio Club of Toronto.

Another event was the holding of a grab bag, which caused lots of amusement.

Several talks were given by various ones present..

*Minutes of First
meeting-
LARC, photo and
text from
Senator Bill
Klemacki-VE3AJ*

Input for PublicService: From Mike Nawrocki VE3ZG

For those who have visited our website created by Terry Stewardson, VA3LU, you will notice he has created slots for some of our regular public service events. The slot for the Sibley Ski Race has not been completed yet, as Terry needs all the information and pictures he can get to create an interesting overview of the event. Prior to this years race, I called all the checkpoint people and asked them to take pictures at their location and either send or give them to me, or directly to Terry. In addition, for those who have participated in the past in this event, and who may have pictures from the early days, please pass these on to Terry as well. Some historical background, as well as current day photos could make a very interesting site. So get this years over to Terry, and others start digging in the photo albums or slide boxes. We want to make sure Terry has something to keep him occupied in his retirement. Sorry Terry!!!!!!

Mike

Sibley Ski Tour Crew Checkpoint 4 - far right Andy Malcolm VE3INI, Simon Malcolm VA3SC



LARC FINANCIAL REPORT

01/03/04

	269.34			
Revenue Accounts	Cr	46.31	35.03	258.06 Cr
	1473.78			
Expenses (Direct)	Dr	46.31		1520.09 Dr
Bank Service Fee	6.00 Dr	2		8.00 Dr
	152.69			
Classes	Dr			152.69 Dr
	851.04			
Club Insurance	Dr			851.04 Dr
Repeater Maintenance	50.00 Dr			50.00 Dr
	135.00			
Room Rentals	Dr			135.00 Dr
Secretary Supplies	57.45 Dr			57.45 Dr
Thunder Bay	221.60			
Telephone	Dr	44.31		265.91 Dr
	1668.00			
Income (Direct)	Cr		35	1703.00 Cr
50/50 Draw	63.00 Cr			63.00 Cr
	1605.00			
Membership Dues	Cr		35	1640.00 Cr
Other Revenues	75.12 Cr		0.03	75.15 Cr
Deposit Interest	0.12 Cr		0.03	0.15 Cr
Donation Rec'd	75.00 Cr			75.00 Cr
	4574.37			
Current Assets	Dr	37.03	717.46	3893.94 Dr
	4461.23			
Royal Bank	Dr	0.03	717.46	3743.80 Dr
	113.14			
Cash	Dr	37		150.14 Dr
	500.59			
Misc. Expenses	Cr	669.15		168.56 Dr
	646.00			
Annual Dinner	Cr	669.15		23.15 Dr
	100.00			
Donations To	Dr			100.00 Dr
Memorials	25.00 Dr			25.00 Dr
Web Page	20.41 Dr			20.41 Dr

Financial Report-Ed Baumann VE3SNW-Treasurer

From Wayne Letang VA3WRL this site- www.hfradio.net/ares/

From Dave Horne VA3DVE

Hi Glen: Here's the web site for the mobile mounting systems. I have my FT -100 faceplate mounted on "THE BUG." It's quality stuff and solves the mounting bracket nightmare.

www.pro-fit-intl.com <<http://www.pro-fit-intl.com>>

Meeting of the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club
Room 190 Confederation College, Macintyre Building
April 8, 2004

Editor Says: Thanks to Bill Unger, Bill Klemacki for the archive material, Andy Malcolm for the photo, Ed Baumann as always for his contributions, and Wayne Letang and Dave Horne for their input. If you have something of interest for the club to see or have an article in mind please send to me at g.wallace3@shaw.ca
See you at the meeting, the 70th anniversary of our club.

Glen Wallace VE3ICY

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